of Uttar Pradesh by the Uttar Pradesh Cooperative Bank Ltd., or by Primary (Urban) Cooperative Banks is pending with them.

Energy costing of gas in Gujarat

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat is being meted out injustice in energy costing by incurring higher transportation cost on coal but paying the same transportation charge as interland States in case of gas;

(b) whether the State Government of Gujarat has represented for allowing the benefit in terms of a lower cost for transporting gas over shorter distance *vis-a-vis* interland States as per the practice followed for transportation of coal; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) to (c) The gas from onshore/isolated fields in Gujarat is supplied through dedicated regional networks or spur lines to customers in the State. In these cases, transmission tariff is computed on the basis of investment in the respective regional networks. As the fields are located in Gujarat, the investment in regional networks for supplying gas to customers in the State would be less in relation to investment in networks catering to a number of States and therefore, the transmission tariff for customers in Gujarat getting gas through regional networks is lower.

In case of trunk lines *viz.*, Hazira-Vijaipur-Jagdishpur (HVJ) pipeline and Dahej-Vijaipur pipeline (DVPL), a combined single tariff of Rs. 831/ MSCM, with escalation formula, is being followed w.e.f 1.6.2006. However, based on the request of the Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited (GSPCL) and to benefit the customers in Gujarat, the tariff for connectivity of Gujarat State Petronet Limited (GSPL) to DVPL has been kept at Rs. 280/MSCM. No request was received from the Government of Gujarat in this regard.